

## **ABSTRACT:**

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~~This invention relates to a~~ A printer for printing an image on an image receiving material provided on a backing material, ~~said~~ the backing material having regularly spaced markings provided on the back thereof, said printer ~~comprising means~~ including a detector for detecting said markings, ~~means~~ and a device for determining at least one of a spacing between two markings and a width of a marking, comparing the determined marking width and/or spacing with a respective reference value and for causing printing to be stopped if at least one of the determined spacing and/or width differs from the respective reference value by more than a predetermined amount.